

The HUB

The Official Newsletter of American Fork City



American Fork Receives Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to American Fork City for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The report has been judged by an international impartial panel to meet the highest standards of the program, which include demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.



The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

To read all American Fork City's financial documents, visit americanfork.gov/finance.

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Office Numbers

Administration	801-763-3000
Public Works.....	801-763-3060
Library.....	801-763-3070
Fitness Center.....	801-763-3080
Senior Center.....	801-763-3090

Non-Emergency

Police.....	801-763-3020
Fire & Rescue.....	801-763-3045

On-Call / After-Hour

Water/Pressurized	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain	801-404-7167
Streets	801-404-1255
Garbage	801-924-8500
Street Lights	801-814-4311



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AF HISTORY: CEMETERY

What most people refer to as Pioneer Park, located at 300 N and 100 E, is actually named Pioneer Cemetery Park as it was the location of American Fork's first cemetery. According to records, there were 85 pioneers and Native Americans buried there between 1850 through 1866. As was the custom of the time, cemeteries were always on the outskirts of pioneer towns, sometimes as far as a few miles away. During the time this cemetery was used in American Fork, it would have been located on the north edge of the town.

In 1866, it was decided to create a new cemetery at the top of the hill, just north and $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile away from the pioneer cemetery, probably due to the growth of our community. This is where our current cemetery is today. Five of the pioneers that had been laid to rest in the pioneer cemetery were relocated to the new cemetery. That means 80 graves remained in the pioneer cemetery. In 1877 / 1878 city records it states that it was necessary to remove another 10 graves on Washington street, which is now 100 East, for road expansion and construction. On May 22, 1886, at a city meeting, appropriations were made for materials to fence the old cemetery. For over 60 years the old pioneer cemetery was largely neglected, with overgrown bushes and sunken graves. Then in 1943 Mayor DeVere Wootton and city council voted to clear the



DUP members at the monument taken on day of dedication, Oct. 16, 1949

ground of all headstones and fences and to landscape the area. Before they started, they recorded and mapped the burial sites and inscriptions. While the result was a beautifully landscaped park, there was nothing there to show respect to our pioneer ancestors that had given us our beginnings.

In 1947 the Daughters of Utah Pioneers formed a committee and decided to create a monument at the cemetery as a centennial project to celebrate the pioneers entering the Salt Lake Valley. They wanted to make sure these strong pioneers were not left unnamed

or forgotten! It took longer than they expected to contact the pioneers' extended families, permission from city and get the okay from the International Society of Daughters of Utah Pioneers for the plaque/monument. But ultimately they were able to accomplish their vision. The wonderful monument was completed and then dedicated on October 16, 1949. So please, go take some time to go see the monument and read the names of these great people that founded our city.

Photos and history information from the American Fork Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum.



SKI AND SNOWBOARD LESSONS

Registration Now!

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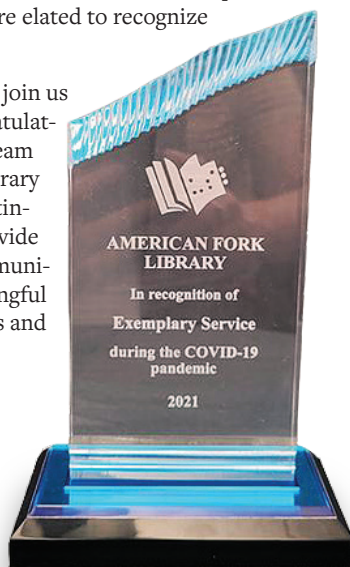
Library Recognized for Exemplary Service

This October, the Utah State Library recognized the American Fork Library as one of 5 libraries in the state to receive the "Exemplary Service During the COVID-19 Pandemic" award.

Utah State Librarian, Chaundra Johnson had this to say, "The COVID-19 pandemic challenged traditional library service in new ways, and we applaud you and your staff for continuing to provide meaningful service to your community. We thank you for adapting library services, so they remained accessible when many other community resources were no longer available. Your actions remind us all how crucial library service is in a community, especially in times of tumult. The new ways you served are a shining example to other libraries of what pandemic service can look like. Thank you for your remarkable service in uncertain times and always. We recognize and commend you for the invaluable role you play

in your community and your patrons' lives. Your work makes Utah a better place and we are elated to recognize that."

Please join us in congratulating the team at our library who continually provide the community meaningful programs and service!



HEAT Program Provides Energy Assistance to Low-Income Households

The HEAT Program provides year-round energy and water assistance as well as energy and water-related crisis assistance for eligible low-income households throughout Utah. For more information about the program and eligibility requirements, visit jobs.utah.gov and look for the HEAT Program details or call 2-1-1 for help.



16TH ANNUAL CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

Finding Joy in the Journey
Caring for a senior loved one

Join us for a **FREE** virtual conference for caregivers of a senior loved one.

Discover ways to find moments of joy through the challenges of caregiving. This conference will be held via Zoom. Join us for the whole day or for any sessions that you are interested in.

Sat, Nov 6 | 9:30 AM - 4 PM

Register now:
mountainland.org/cgconference



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Youth Basketball registration is open!

To sign up, visit:
americanfork.gov/recreation

Deadline is November 11.

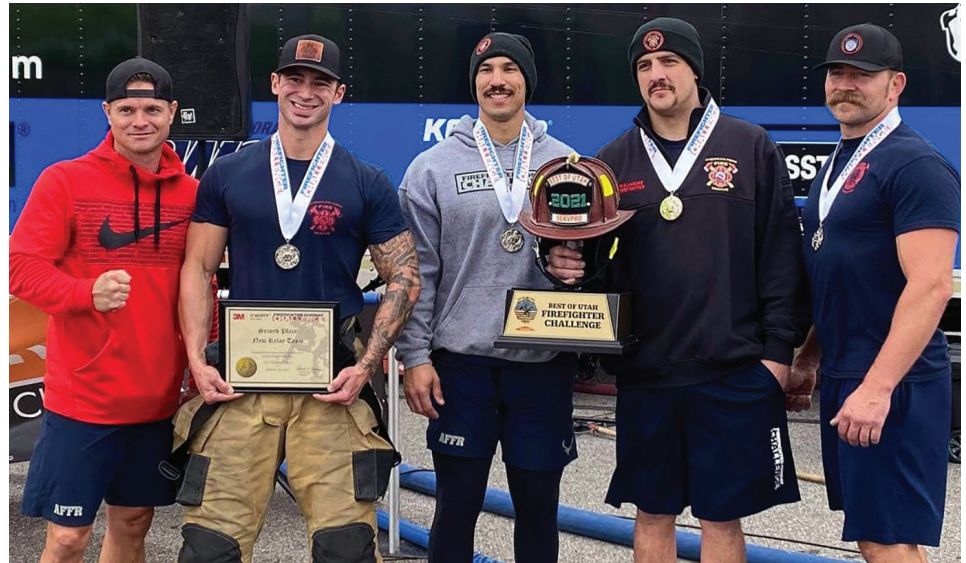


American Fork Fire and Rescue Take the Firefighters Combat Challenge Trophy for 3rd Consecutive Year

Dubbed by ESPN as the “Toughest Two Minutes in Sports”, the American Fork Fire and Rescue department participated in the 2021 Firefighters Combat Challenge and took home the trophy!

The Firefighter Combat Challenge (FCC) promotes, showcases, and publicly celebrates the selfless spirit and extraordinary fitness levels of America’s elite firefighter heroes and heroines in an exciting and entertaining sports competition that travels the United States – all while simulating the arduous and essential skills of firefighting. The competition includes climbing a five-story tower in full PPE gear, forcible entry, “victim rescue,” and fire hose hoist / drag – as first responders compete against each other and the clock to be the “Best of the Best!”

Congratulations to the Fire and Rescue Department and thank you for everything you do for our community.



American Fork Fire and Rescue winners of the 2021 Firefighters Combat Challenge. From left to right: Trevor Dorton, Robert Grady, Mike Beltran, Scott Willmore, Darren Cooper



YOUR EFFORTS HELPED SAVE
962,260,813 GALLONS
OF WATER THIS YEAR!

THANKS TO ALL AMERICAN FORK
CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES!



American Fork 2021 Elections



The 2021 American Fork City General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. This year, the citizens of American Fork will vote for Mayor and two Council Members. Additionally, there will be an opinion question on the ballot as to whether or not the city should continue to enact a local sales and use tax of one-tenth (1/10) of one percent (1%) to fund cultural arts facilities and programs and recreational facilities in American Fork (PARC Tax).

A Voter Information Pamphlet on the PARC Tax opinion question (**Proposition 5**) is available at americanfork.gov/elections. Information on our current PARC Tax can be found at: www.afparc.org

Candidate profiles for Mayor and for Council Member can be found at americanfork.gov/elections. The Candidates are listed in order as per the 2021-2021 master ballot position list as required by Utah State Code. For additional information, contact the recorder's office at 801-763-3000.